

Transition Sets for Different Purposes

- ◆ Introduce new ideas.
- ◆ Connect key/star ideas (reasons, details, or facts).

Basic Transitions Sets

One • The other
One • Another
First of all • Also
To begin • Next
One • Equally important
First of all • Next • The final
One example • Another example
A good example • A better example
An important • An equally important
A good • A better • The best
To begin • Then • After that
One way • Another way • A final method
Initially • Then • After that
A bad • A worse • The worst
To begin • At the same time • Finally
First of all • Besides • In addition

Transition Words for Showing Place or Location

Near	Outside
Beside	Inside
On top of	Behind
Between	Next to
Across from	By
	Throughout
	To the right of
	On the left side

Transition Words for Showing Time

Before	After
During	Later
Until	Then
	Meanwhile
	As soon as
	Sometimes

Transitions Words for Showing Alike or Different

Similar to	Unlike
Equal to	On the other hand
A similar	Just the opposite
Another	Different from
The same as	But

Transitions Words for Making a Point

For example An example of
For instance As well as
In other words
The most important
Furthermore

Using Transitions Effectively

<p>Vary Transitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't fall into the <i>First, Second, Third</i> trap. • Try different transition sets. • Look for and add new words and phrases to your transition lists. • Make sure that the transitions that you use fit the purpose of the paragraph (or report).
<p>Bury Transitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes a transition works best as the first word(s) in the sentence, but at other times it will sound better if it is buried. <p>Okay <u>Second</u>, it is easy to take care of a pet bird.</p> <p>Better Your family will <u>also</u> realize that it is easy to take care of a pet bird.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burying the transition does not always improve the sentence. Read sentences aloud to hear what sounds best.
<p>First and First of all,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes "First" or "First of all" are good choices for transitions. • Sometimes your sentence (and the entire paragraph) will sound better if you drop "First" or "First of all." Because your first supporting sentence is so close to the topic sentence, you may not need an obvious transition like "First" and "First of all." • Use "First" or "First of all" in the draft to help with organization, but drop the word in the final copy.